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PLEASE PASS HUME, ADMINISTRATOR, FAS/W FROM ACTING AGATTACHE

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT SECRETARY BUTZ TO IRAN

REF: HUME-KARPOFF TELCON AUG 8

1. AMBASSADOR CONCURS IN PROPOSAL THAT SECRETARY BUTZ VISIT IRAN IN NOVEMBER 15-20 TIME FRAME(NOTE: NOVEMBER 15 IS AN IRANIAN HOLIDAY) AND HAS NO OBJECTION HUME PURSUING THE MATTER. IF FIRM DECISION REACHED FOR VISIT TO OCCUR, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IT COINCIDE WITH JOINT COMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE MEETING PROPOSED MINYARD AIRCOMM JULY 17,1975 AND THAT MEETING BE HELD TEHRAN RATHER THAN WASHINGTON.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH GOI MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES, COOPERATIVES AND RURAL AFFAIRS, AND COMMERCE CAN BE ARRANGED PROVIDED WE RECEIVE SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE OF FIRM DATES FOR SECRETARY BUTZ'S VISIT. MEETING WITH THE SHAH SHOULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

3. IRAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SECRETARY BUTZ AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER TO ADDRESS EITHER A LUNCHEON OF DINNER MEETING. PREFERRED DATE WOULD BE NORMAL WORKING DAY HERE(SATURDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY). FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT FOLLOW BY LETTER.

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4. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SECRETARY COULD PLAN TO MAKE FARM VISIT(S) OUTSIDE TEHRAN. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A VISIT TO INTENSIVE DAIRY FARM NEAR ANCIENT CAPITAL OF ISFAHAN WHICH IS ABOUT 300 MILES FROM

TEHRAN. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS COOPERATIVE UTAH STATE-GOI SHEEP EXPERIMENT STATION AT KARAJ (90 MINUTE AUTO DRIVE FROM TEHRAN). DAIRY FARM VISIT WOULD EMPHASIZE SUBSTANTIAL US CONTRIBUTION TO IRANIAN DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PROBLEM, IF IT PERSISTS, OF PAYMENT OF AIR FREIGHT SUBSIDIES TO US EXPORTERS. VISIT TO SHEEP EXPERIMENT STATION WOULD HIGHLIGHT LONG STANDING COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD WITH UTAH STATE AND PROVIDE FORUM FOR REVIEWING OTHER PROJECTS THAT ARE OR MAY BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER AEGIS OF THE US-IRANIAN JOINT COMMISSION.

5. AS SOON AS WE HAVE DECISION ON TIMING AND LENGTH OF VISIT AND REACTION TO FOREGOING, WE CAN DEVELOP MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY BUTZ'S CONSIDERATION. PLEASE ADVISE.
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